

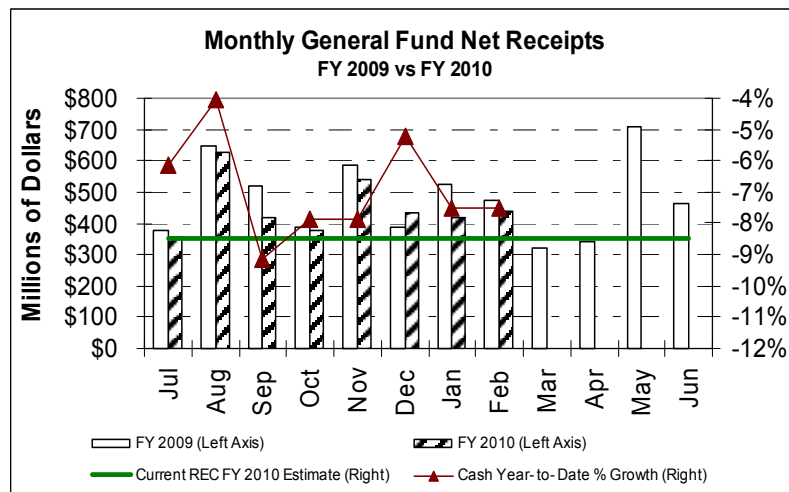
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Monthly General Fund Receipts through February 28, 2010

The attached spreadsheet presents FY 2010 General Fund total net receipts with comparable figures for actual FY 2009. The figures can be compared to the FY 2010 estimate of \$5.259 billion set by the Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) on December 11, 2009. The FY 2010 estimate is a decrease of \$490.1 million (- 8.5%) compared to actual FY 2009 total net receipts (numbers and calculations exclude transfer revenue). The next REC meeting is scheduled for March 11.



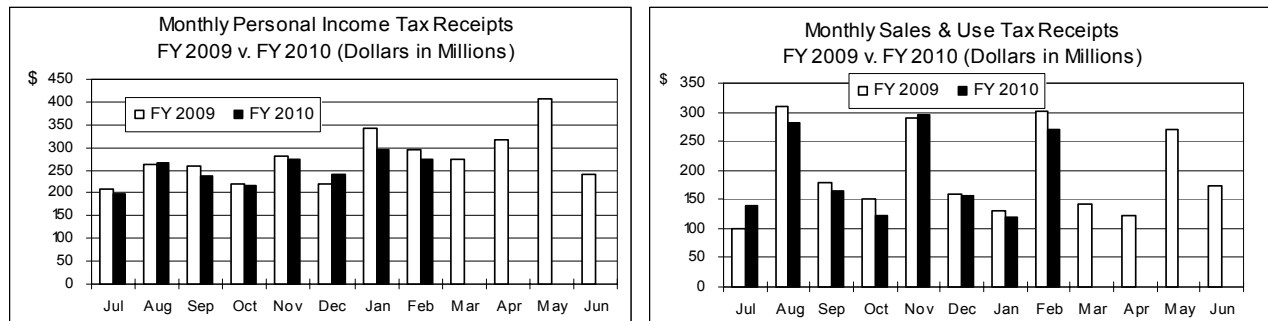
FY 2010 Compared to FY 2009

Year-to-date FY 2010 total net receipts (excluding transfers) decreased \$292.4 million (- 7.5%) compared to FY 2009. Major sources and their contribution to the FY 2010 change include:

- Personal income tax (negative \$91.5 million, - 4.4%)
- Sales/use tax (negative \$62.9 million, - 3.9%)
- Corporate tax (negative \$35.9 million, - 14.7%)
- Other taxes (negative \$29.6 million, - 10.0%)
- Other receipts (negative \$16.7 million, - 6.2%)
- Tax refunds not including school infrastructure refunds (negative \$29.0 million)
- School infrastructure sales/use tax refunds (negative \$26.9 million)

Personal Income Tax revenues received in February totaled \$274.2 million, a decrease of \$21.2 million (- 7.2%) compared to February 2009. A deposit timing issue at the end of February negatively impacted February receipts by approximately \$16.4 million. However, March receipts will be positively impacted by the issue.

The REC estimate for FY 2010 income tax receipts of \$3.211 billion represents a projected change of negative 3.6% compared to actual FY 2009. Through February, total income tax receipts decreased 4.4%. By subcategory, withholding payments decreased \$18.4 million (-1.1%) year-to-date, estimate payments decreased by \$63.0 million (- 21.2%), and payments with returns decreased \$10.1 million (- 17.7%). The following chart compares FY 2010 monthly income tax receipts from the three personal income tax subcategories with FY 2009.



Sales/Use Tax receipts received in February totaled \$271.4 million, a decrease of \$29.6 million (- 9.8%) compared to February 2009. The deposit timing issue negatively impacted gross sales/use tax receipts by approximately \$17.2 million but the impact will reverse in March.

The REC estimate for FY 2010 sales/use tax receipts is \$2.205 billion, a decrease of 5.3% compared to actual FY 2009. Through February, total gross sales/use tax receipts have decreased 3.9%. The preceding chart compares FY 2010 monthly sales/use tax receipts with FY 2009.

Corporate Tax receipts received in February totaled \$19.3 million, an increase of \$6.4 million (49.6%) compared to February 2009.

The REC estimate for FY 2010 corporate tax revenue is \$341.2 million, a decrease of 18.1% compared to actual FY 2009. Cash fiscal year-to-date total corporate tax revenue has decreased 14.7%.

Other tax receipts received in February totaled \$24.6 million, an increase of \$1.5 million (6.5%) compared to February 2009. Inheritance, cigarette, and tobacco tax increased for the month.

The REC estimate for FY 2010 other tax revenue is \$418.6 million, a decrease of 8.0% compared to actual FY 2009. Through February, other tax revenue decreased 10.0%.

Other receipts (non-tax receipts) received in February totaled \$32.2 million, an increase of \$8.5 million (35.9%) compared to February 2009. Much of the increase was due to the transfer from the unclaimed property fund to miscellaneous receipts. That transfer occurred later in the fiscal year in FY 2009.

The REC estimate for FY 2010 other receipts revenue is \$367.5 million, a decrease of 6.2% compared to actual FY 2009. Cash fiscal year-to-date total other receipts decreased 6.2% through February.

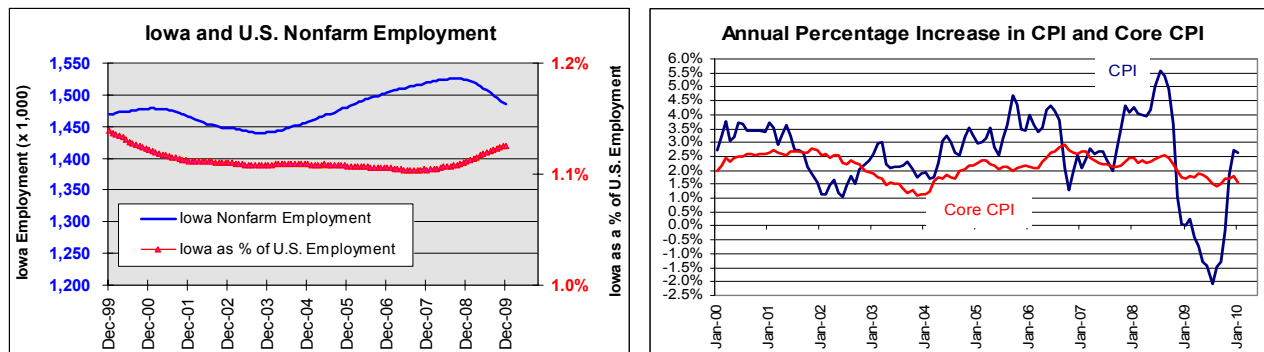
Tax Refunds issued in February totaled \$156.1 million, an increase of \$11.9 million (8.3%) compared to February 2009. The REC estimate for FY 2010 regular tax refunds is \$901.0 million, an increase of 12.1% compared to FY 2009. Cash fiscal year-to-date regular tax refunds have increased 7.3%.

In addition, school infrastructure refunds totaled \$26.1 million in February, a decrease of \$10.8 million (- 29.3%) compared to February 2009. For the cash fiscal year, school infrastructure refunds have increased 12.1%, mostly due to timing of the refunds.

Status of the Economy

Iowa nonfarm employment was reported at 1,480,900 for the month of December (not seasonally adjusted), 40,400 (- 2.7%) lower than December 2008.

Iowa's 12-month average employment is presented in a graph below. The 12-month average peaked in October 2008 at 1,525,400, which was 46,100 jobs above January 2001 (12-month peak prior to the last recession). The current 12-month average reading is now 1,485,200 resulting in an annual average Iowa nonfarm employment at 40,200 below the October 2008 peak. During the previous recession, the 12-month average declined 38,800 jobs, peak to trough. The employment chart also presents Iowa nonfarm employment as a percent of U.S. nonfarm employment. Iowa's share of U.S. nonfarm employment decreased noticeably from 1999 through 2002. The decline continued at a much slower pace from 2002 through 2007. Iowa's share of U.S. nonfarm employment has been expanding since January 2008, as the rate of economic decline nationally has exceeded the rate of decline in Iowa.



Consumer prices increased 0.3% in January (not seasonally adjusted). The Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) through January 2010 was 216.7 (1983/84=100). The annual rate of inflation peaked at 5.6% in July 2008 and decreased rapidly in the following months. The annual rate now stands at 2.6%.

Core CPI, an inflation measure excluding food and energy expenditures, did not change significantly (0.03%) for the month of January and stands at 1.5%, year-over-year. The core inflation rate declined considerably from the early 1990s through January 2004 when the rate bottomed at 1.1%. The core inflation rate accelerated from that point, with most readings between 2.0% and 3.0%. With the onset of the recent recession, the annual core inflation rate has declined and has now been below 2.0% for fourteen consecutive months. For the two components excluded from the core rate, energy prices are up 19.1% year-over-year while food prices are down 0.2%. The food price index has been negative for five consecutive months while energy inflation has been significantly positive for the past three months.

Information related to State General Fund receipts is available on the Fiscal Services Division's website at: <http://www.legis.state.ia.us/receipts/daily.html>

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS - FY 2009 vs. FY 2010 July 1 through February 28 (in millions of dollars) Dollars may not add due to rounding. Percentages calculated on rounded numbers.					ESTIMATED GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS (in millions of dollars) FY 09 Actual Compared to FY 10 REC Estimate		
	FY 2009	FY 2010	Year to Date % Change	February % Change	Actual FY 2009	Estimate FY 2010	Projected % Change
Personal Income Tax	\$ 2,091.7	\$ 2,000.2	-4.4%	-7.2%	\$ 3,330.7	\$ 3,210.6	-3.6%
Sales/Use Tax	1,618.8	1,555.9	-3.9%	-9.8%	2,327.4	2,205.2	-5.3%
Corporate Income Tax	243.7	207.8	-14.7%	49.6%	416.5	341.2	-18.1%
Inheritance Tax	52.1	47.9	-8.1%	30.3%	75.4	65.0	-13.8%
Insurance Premium Tax	51.7	42.2	-18.4%	0.0%	90.0	82.0	-8.9%
Cigarette Tax	148.3	134.5	-9.3%	3.4%	215.8	201.1	-6.8%
Tobacco Tax	15.2	16.5	8.6%	23.1%	23.0	24.5	6.5%
Beer Tax	10.0	9.8	-2.0%	-10.0%	14.7	14.4	-2.0%
Franchise Tax	18.1	16.4	-9.4%	-33.3%	33.7	30.3	-10.1%
Miscellaneous Tax	0.4	-1.1	N/A	N/A	2.4	1.3	-45.8%
Total Special Taxes	\$ 4,250.0	\$ 4,030.2	-5.2%	-6.8%	\$ 6,529.6	\$ 6,175.6	-5.4%
Institutional Payments	10.1	9.1	-9.9%	-33.3%	15.5	14.7	-5.2%
Liquor Profits	53.1	54.7	3.0%	40.0%	85.5	81.0	-5.3%
Interest	12.9	1.6	-87.6%	-83.3%	14.6	5.0	-65.8%
Fees	50.6	30.0	-40.7%	49.0%	77.7	50.5	-35.0%
Judicial Revenue	57.4	67.7	17.9%	11.9%	98.8	114.0	15.4%
Miscellaneous Receipts	25.0	23.3	-6.8%	300.0%	39.8	36.3	-8.8%
Racing and Gaming Receipts	60.0	66.0	10.0%	0.0%	60.0	66.0	10.0%
TOTAL GROSS RECEIPTS	\$ 4,519.1	\$ 4,282.6	-5.2%	-5.2%	\$ 6,921.5	\$ 6,543.1	-5.5%
Accrued Revenue-Net					17.2	-13.9	
Tax Refunds *	-397.6	-426.6	7.3%	8.3%	-803.9	-901.0	12.1%
School Infrast. Refunds *	-221.5	-248.4	12.1%	-29.3%	-385.8	-369.3	-4.3%
TOTAL NET RECEIPTS	\$ 3,900.0	\$ 3,607.6	-7.5%	-7.4%	\$ 5,749.0	\$ 5,258.9	-8.5%
* For FY 2009 and FY 2010 Year-to-Date columns, refunds are listed on a cash basis. For FY 2009 Actual and FY 2010 Estimate, refunds are listed on a fiscal year basis.							